

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-3 and 10-12 are amended. No new matter is added. Claims 1-12 are pending and under consideration.

First, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of an interview granted to Applicant's representative on September 1, 2006, at which time the outstanding issues in this case were discussed. Arguments similar to the ones developed hereinafter were presented and the Examiner indicated that in light of the arguments, she would reconsider the outstanding grounds for rejection upon formal submission of a response.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, relative to the recitation "while given person is traveling." During the interview, the Examiner pointed out that the claimed method or device cannot control the "given person" (i.e. a person), to make the person do something. In view of this clarifying discussion, independent claims are amended herewith to specify that the method (or the device) performs based on travel progress information about the travel of the given person, such as, the use of the person's plane ticket. The claim amendments are fully supported by the originally filed specification, for example, FIG. 3 and the corresponding description. In light of the amended claim language, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the claim rejections.

Claim 1 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, relative to reciting both "an information terminal" and "communication addresses" as destinations in an inconsistent manner. In response to this rejection, Applicant amended claim 1 to consistently recite "one or more of an information terminal and at least one communication address for said given person." Page 3, lines 2-8 of the specification enables the recitation "information terminal", and page 5 lines 1-4 enables the recitation "communication address". In light of the amended claim language, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the claim 1 rejection.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,842,737 to Stiles et al. (hereinafter "Stiles").

In the previous Office Action, Applicants argued that the claims patentably distinguish from Stiles because the broadcasting of the relevant information takes place while the travelers are traveling. In response to this argument, the Examiner said that if traveling refers strictly to

when the traveler is on his/her way to a destination than the feature is not enabled by the specification. Otherwise, Stiles anticipates the claims because information is broadcasted based on a schedule that could have been determined in a planning stage as disclosed in Stiles.

Applicants respectfully submit that the language included in the amended claims clarifies that information broadcasting is performed "according to a travel schedule of the given person and **travel progress determined from an initial travel schedule or according to an updated travel schedule, the initial travel schedule being replaced with the updated travel schedule based on travel progress information which includes at least one of travel ticket usage information, replacement ticket information, and coupon usage information**" (emphasis added). Applicants respectfully submit that Stiles does not disclose or make obvious broadcasting according to travel progress as recited in independent claims 1-3 and 10-12.

Therefore, at least by reciting broadcasting according to travel progress, independent claims 1-3 and 10-12 as well as dependent claims 4-9 are patentable over the cited prior art.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

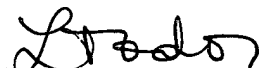
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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